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Award-Winning Musical Takes Stage in Dover Theatre

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University Theatre Department will present “The Music Man” March 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dover Theatre, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$9 for senior adults and students of other schools, \$4 for GWU faculty and staff and children under 12, and free for GWU students.

Set in 1912, “The Music Man” follows a con man trying to start a boys’ band in River City, Iowa, under the pretense that he is a professor of music. He plans to get the deposits for the instruments and uniforms and then breeze out of town without teaching a thing. Of course, things don’t exactly go according to plan.

Debuting on Broadway in 1957, “The Music Man” won the Tony Award for best musical that year, and the film adaptation in 1962 was nominated for the Academy Awards Best Picture.

“The Music Man” is directed by Chris Nelson. This is the sixth major production he has directed at Gardner-Webb, and the second musical. He has also directed “Doubt,” “Rumors,” “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe,” “Tartuffe,” and “Urinetown the Musical.”

“This show has been a favorite for many years, and so we expect the audience to enjoy it,” Nelson shared.

“I think the show will be great for all ages,” said Jim Thomas, interim dean of the School of Performing and Visual Arts and professor of theatre. “It’s got a lot of fun, dancing and wonderful orchestra.”

For more information, contact Rachel Sams at 704-406-2066 or rsams@gardner-webb.edu.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 10 days prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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